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THINK of the job the Czar has undertaken. He has begun to decorate officers who have made successful retreats.

AN Esopus correspondent writes: "Judge Parker makes no enemies." Great Scott, he don't have to. He has enough already to satisfy any reasonable man.

to have us believe that 30,000 Japanese were so obliging as to come and stand over their mines while they exploded them. CHAUNCEY DEPEW advises college graduates to go into politics. We don't of several thousand.

how much they don't know, IF D. B. HILL is the friend he has claimed to be, he will now stand perfectly silent, and take the blame for all that

Judge Parker should or should not have

GEN. FUNSTON has received the most desirable billet of his rank-command of the Department of the East, with headquarters at Governor's Island. Now will the

what now seems far-away history. The exciting chapter of the South African Republic was vivid while it lasted, but it nearly 8,000.

closed abruptly and for good. CARL SCHURZ takes the opportunity to remind people that he is yet living, by giving out the announcement that he will support Parker, with a lengthy statement of reasons. Everybody knew that he would

the United States markets to develop their that 15,000 Republican voters would go may be regarded as safe. over to the Democrats in the State unless the Republicans secured Reciprocity.

THE boom still boometh. The foreign commerce of the United States in the fiscal year 1904 is the largest in its history; the exports of manufactures are larger than in any preceding year, and the exports of domestic products exceed those of any other country. Great Britain has been for a century or more the largest exporter of domestic products of any country in the publicans, and will continue to be so. world. In 1898 we passed her for the first time, but she recovered her lead the next year, only to be overtaken and passed by will be centered in that State, as in four of us in 1900 and 1902. In1903 she passed us again, but this year we lead her again by about \$38,000,000 in the first 11 months.

IN THE world of changes in the indushave held their own in one industrial changed. pursuit, that of horseshoeing. The gow or blacksmith is one of the most ancient and honorable of Irish callings. Italian barbers have taken the place of Germans, the negro bootblacks have been superseded by the Italians, Greeks have olis-is a Democrat. He received 1,854 taken the business away from the Italian majority over his Republican competitor. fruit dealers, the Irish fish pedlers have and will probably be returned. All the been superseded by the Russians, and the other Districts are safely Republican. Scotch carpenters by the Swedes, but the Irish blacksmith seems to maintain his sippi are all Democrats, and no changes anvil against all comers.

According to confession of Lant K. Salsbury, ex-City Attorney, Grand Rapids. so carefully gerrymandered that there is Mich., developed in four years a system of not a chance for a change in the political graft not surpassed in the largest cities, complexion of the delegation. where graft is an established institution. Salsbury's downfall began April 12, 1900, publican, who was elected by a comfortwhen the Council decided to advertise for able majority of 4,000. bids to furnish the city with water from Lake Michigan, 30 miles away. Among the bidders was E. C. Barton, of Omaha, who by 2,000 majority. All the rest have comput up \$50,000 in cold cash. This was in fortable Republican majorities ranging an envelope handed to Salsbury, and by from 1,200 up to 5,000, except the Fifth him put in a bank. Barton later became District, in which George W. Norris was distrustful, and upon examination found elected by 14,927 votes to 14,746 votes for that the money had been replaced by a A. C. Shallenberger, Populist. This Dispackage of worthless paper. He had Salsbury arrested, and this was the first step in uncovering a sensational series of frauds. It seems that Salsbury and the teller of the bank had been speculating wildly and losing heavily. They had taken money from the bank to meet the demands upon them, and were tempted by a \$100,000 corruption fund from New York parties. It seems that Salsbury had six companies on the string to furnish him money for this purpose. Since his confession and the inquest of the Grand Jury, 17 officials, Aldermen, newspaper men, and members of the Legislature, have confessed to have received votes for the Democratic candidate. In from \$200 to \$1,300 each for helping along the Fifth District C. N. Fowler was dictments and confessions are daily ex-

THE Sion fight in Wisconsin is attracting . agl attention. Gov. R. M. La Follette, was a candidate for a third term, is arraigned against the old-time 17 of whom are Democrats, and 15 of Quarles and Congressman Babcock. All these came from New York City and the great railroad and other corporations Brooklyn. In the "State" there are but as well as most of the newspapers are two Democratic Representatives. Scudder, also in opposition. In spite of this the of the First District, received 17,788 votes Governor has a very powerful organization to 17,688 votes for his Republican oppobehind him. He is a fine manager and nent, with 663 votes scattered, so that the organizer, and as a politician is probably District looks more likely to turn Republisuperior to any of his opponents. His can than otherwise. The other Democratic faction demands, in their platform, the Representatives outside of Greater New direct primary, the ad valorum taxation York is W. H. Ryan, of Buffalo, who of railroads, and inheritance tax, and a was elected by a comfortable majority, at Constitutional amendment allowing a the last election, and whose District may graduated income tax. They oppose the practice of giving railroad passes to public officials, and would empower the State Railroad Commission to fix and enforce reasonable transportation charges.

THE NEXT HOUSE.

Now that the issue of battle has been fairly joined, the interest in the complexion of the next House of Representatives be- very doubtful, as Mr. Baker, the Democomes second in strength only to that of the crat, only received 446 majority over his Presidential ticket. The present House of Republican opponent, while there is a Representatives has 176 Democrats, 210 "scattering" of nearly 1,000 votes. In the Republicans, two elected as Union Labor Fifteenth District Mr. Douglas, the sitting representatives, and two vacancies. There- member, and a Republican, received 1,414 fore, the Republicans have a majority over majority over his Democratic opponent, the Democrats of 34 and over all of 30. with nearly 900 scattering and "defective" This is not a large majority in a body of votes. In the Ninteenth District, which is 390 members, and it is further pointed out the County of Westchester, the Republithat in 27 Districts the Democrats were can candidate was elected over the Demosuccessful by majorities of less than 1,000. crat by only 540 votes, while there were By the Democrats this is taken to indicate 1,200 votes cast for the Socialist candidate. a swing of the pendulum toward Democ- The other Districts have strong majorities racy, and it would only require them to and there is no probability of a change.

by States the membership is as follows: fighting ground. All of the nine Representatives from THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE CO. (Incorporated), Proprietors Alabama are Democrats, and there is no both of whom are Republicans, and there likelihood at present of any Republican is no chance for a change. being elected from that State.

a Republican.

tatives are Republicans, one is a Demo- in which Mr. Jackson, a Republican, was crat, and two are Labor Representatives. elected, had but 335 plurality. The Fif-The Democratic Representative, Mr. Bell, was elected by a very small majority, and his District may be recovered. Livernash, the Union Labor Representative, had a plurality of 141 over the Republican can-THE RUSSIANS were asking a good deal

think of any other way to sooner find out | Colorado is represented by two Republi- to be safe by large majorities, whether Recans and one Democrat, but the conditions | publican or Democratic. there are such that no prediction can be

are Republicans, elected by handsome ma-

Delaware's one Representative is Democrat. Florida's three Representatives are

Democrats. Georgia's 11 Representatives are all yellows be good about that famous swim? Democrats, with no likely change in the THE DEATH of Oom Paul Kruger recalls political complexion of any one of them. Idaho's sole Representative is a Republican, and was elected by a plurality of crats, with no chance for a change.

> publicans from Illinois. Four of the rality. Democrats and six of the Republicans are | Vermont has two Representatives, and from Chicago. Here there is doubt as to is safely Republican. the result.

CANADIAN Reciprocity continues to Wayne, received 19,320 votes to 19,035 for the State. worry Senator Lodge. After some vacillation he decided to be a Stand-Patter. But his Republican opponent, which would Washington has three Representatives, he did not have to carry Indiana to win, he decided to be a Stand-Patter. tion he decided to be a Stand-Patter. But there are troubles. Boston capitalists are to make that District good fighting there are troubles. Boston capitalists are

this an opportune time to agitate the ques- can opponent. All of the others received some of them by Democrats.

There are eight Republican Representatives from Kansas, and they probably will

Out of Kentucky's 11 Representatives all are Democrats but one, and will probably be reelected.

all Democrats, and the complexion of the delegation will not be changed.

In Maryland two of the six Representatives are Democrats, and a great interest

the Districts the majorities are very small. Of Massachusetts' 14 Representatives three are Democrats. They all received large majorities, and it is not likely that tries of New York City the Irish seem to the complexion of the delegation will be

All 12 of the Representatives from Michigan but one are Republicans, elected

by large majorities. Of the nine Representatives from Minnesota but one-John Lind, of Minneap-

The eight Representatives from Missisare possible.

Missouri has 16 Representatives, all Democrats but one, and the State has been

Montana has one Representative, a Re-

Nebraska has six Representatives, but one of whom is a Democrat, and he elected trict would seem to be likely fighting

ground. Nevada is represented by a Democrat. who received 5.876 to 5.101 votes for his Republican opponent.

New Hampshire has two Districts safely Republican by about 7,000 majority in each.

There is some good fighting ground in New Jersey. At present there are three Democrats among the 10 Representatives from that State. In the Third District a Republican was elected by 20,014 to 18,345 Republican competitor by 792 majority, while the two Socialist candidates received 1,191 votes.

problem is where he will get them. The States the Republicans feel absolutely confident of getting are as follows:

1,191 votes.

votes for the Democrat, and with nearly 2,000 scattering votes. The Sixth District, will get, the Solid South, as follows:

now represented by a Democrat, is also

carry 17 more Districts in order to have a North Carolina has 10 Representatives, majority in the House. At the last Con- all of whom are Democrats, but Mr. gressional election the Democrats made Gudger, of the Tenth District, received gains in the cities, and they profess to only 183 majority over his Republican opbelieve they will continue to do so. Taken ponent, and, therefore, the District is good

North Dakota has two Representatives,

Ohio has 21 Representatives, of whom The seven Representatives from Arkan- 14 are Democrats. The debatable Dissas are all Democrats, elected by such trict would seem to be the Twelfth, where large majorities as to preclude any hope of Mr. Badger's plurality was 776, while the Republican State and County ticket car-In California five of the eight Represen- ried the District. The Thirteenth District, teenth District, in which Mr. Van Voorhis was elected, had 612 plurality.

> Oregon has two Republican Representatives, elected by large majorities.

Pennsylvania has 32 Representatives, didate, while his associate, Wynn, beat of whom four are Democrats. In the Loud, the Republican, by 613. This was Tenth District Howell, a Democrat, was 47 votes to make up their necessary 88 a revolution and Loud's District may be elected by 461 votes over his Republican additional ones, and will have to carry, recovered. In the other Districts the Re- opponent. In the Sixteenth District Dick- not only Maryland, but substantially all erman, a Democrat, was elected by 838 of the other States to get the required publicans all have comfortable majorities plurality. All of the other Districts seem

One of the Representatives elected from Rhode Island is a Democrat, elected by All five of Connecticut's Representatives 661 plurality, and the other is a Republican, elected by 1,023, and there will be a chance for a change in that little State. All seven of the South Carolina Representatives are Democrats.

Both of South Dakota's Representatives are Republicans.

Tennessee has 10 Representatives, with only two Republicans, and the complexion of the delegation will remain such. Texas has 16 Representatives, all Demo-

Utah has only one Representative, a There are eight Democrats and 17 Re- Republican, who received about 5,000 plu- Cut, Maryland, New Jersey and West Virginia. The 32 votes of these five States

Virginia has 10 Representatives, all Four of Indiana's Representatives are Democrats but one, whose District is in In 1884 Cleveland won by carrying the support Parker. His reasons are immaof the Twelfth District were elected by State. The chances are in favor of the five States mentioned. This combinaof the Twelfth District were elected by State. The chances are in favor of the large pluralities. Robinson, of Fort Democrats making a solid delegation from also carried Indiana, with 15 electoral

here will be no change.

Only one of Iowa's Representatives is a West Virginia has five Representatives, Democrat-Wade, of Iowa City, who re- all Republican by large majorities, but property. The coal troubles have made ceived 1,158 majority over his Republi- the Democrats will make a fight to replace making them come out for

> whom but one is a Democrat. Wyoming has one Representative, a Re-

publican, elected by 7,000 majority. It will be seen where the Democrats the Democrats, with the probabilities at West Virginia has been almost as great. this writing being quite in favor of the Re-Maine's four Representatives are all Re- publicans not only retaining their present majority, but slightly increasing it.

THE PROSPECTS. The first item for consideration by the man who wants to figure on the outcome of the Presidential contest is that, this year the Electoral College will consist of that of 1900, when it was 447 votes. Therefore it will take 239 votes to elect.

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,	Totals	155	292	478	20

this scheme to defraud the city. The investigation is still going on, and other in- tor. In the Ninth District, which contains over Bryan. They will give him 151 cersome of the wards of Jersey City, Allan tain votes. This will require him to get Benny, a Democrat, was elected over his 88 votes more in order to be elected. The

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Total									219

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laim a chance to v	vin	are:		
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Connecticut			 	7
Idaho			 	3
Maryland		۸.,	 	. 8
Montana			 	3
Nevada			 	3
New Jersey			 	12
New York			 	. 39
West Virginia			 	7
Wisconsin			 	13
Utah			 	3
			-	
Total			 	106

The Republicans, therefore, start in with 219 assured votes, against 151 for the Democrats. The Republicans have, therefore, only 20 votes to get out of the alleged "doubtful" States, where the Democrats must get 88.

Consequently, the Republicans could afford to lose New York, and win by carrying two or more of the States placed in the doubtful column. Wisconsin and West Virginia would just give it to them, or New Jersey and Maryland.

On the other hand, if the Democrats carry New York they will still be lacking

This is the way the Baltimore Sun reasons:

"In 1884, 1888 and 1892 the five Eastern States of Delaware, Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey and West Virginia voted invariably in the Electoral College for Grover Cleveland, and in the two Bryan-McKinley campaigns all five of these States shifted their vote to the Republican nominee on account of the silver issue. It is believed conditions are such now that all five of these States can be regained for the Democrats, and, if so, the chances of Democratic success will be exceedingly bright. These five States and the solid South alone almost gave Cleveland the election on three successive occasions. Cleveland would have won in 1888 if he had carried New York. The only States he did carry were the solid South and the quintet composed of Delaware, Connectiand the 136 votes of the solid South gave Mr. Cleveland his total of 168 votes. He needed only 201 to be elected, and if he had carried New York he would have had 204, or 3 more than the necessary number. tion gave him 204 electoral votes, and he votes, giving him a grand total of 219, but

The defect in this reasoning is that conditions outside of the silver issue have making them, with the exception of Maryland, as reliably Republican as Ohio or fast as they can get transportation for tion, and Mr. Lodge was recently informed such large majorities that their Districts Wisconsin has 11 Representatives, of Michigan. For example, about 54 per them. In most of the camps are only odds cent, of the voters of Delaware have regu-larly voted the Republican ticket at all Lieutenant, sent here to give him something elections for a number of years. The same to do, and put in the time, and who don't in Connecticut. The percentage of the care for the men, nor they for him." hope to gain 17 Representatives to give voters voting the Republican ticket at all them control of the House. Unless some- elections in New Jersey has been steadily thing unforeseen happens, the Republican rising for eight years, and was over 55 Louisiana's seven Representatives are chances are certainly as good as those of per cent. in 1900. The steady increase in to the regiment:

THE MEXICAN PRESIDENCY.

is no more of a Republic than Russia. In fact. President Diaz is much more of an rades of the Army of the Potomac fought It seemed to grow out of the roots of other absolute ruler than the Czar of Russia, because Diaz is a man of the greatest force of character and ability, and rules by over the battlegrounds of th his own personal will, whereas the Czar is merely a figurehead of a bureaucratic ring. The bureaucracy rules in the Czar's name, The States that will carry these votes and without his knowing much about its workhigs, and with no perceptible influence upon its acts. President Diaz has done a the people as friends, and respect their jungle. "There you have a natural fort wonderful work in Mexico. For nearly a property. They are all peaceable, well-disquarter of a century he has compelled blind posed and inclined to be friendly. I shall a natural abatis and obstructions stronger obedience to his will. He has tolerated no rivals, and exhibited no scruples in get- the good conduct of the men under his comting them out of his way, but he has given mand. We have before us the pleasantest his country the most absolute peace, the marches we have ever made, I'm glad to greatest honesty in public affairs, and a say. Adjutant, dismiss the parade."

"Twon't be no trick at all to march prosperity far excelling that which any 140 miles over such a country as this, Spanish-American country has ever known. remarked Monty Scruggs, as after supper the Chickahominy bottom are just like this He has been particularly friendly to Americass, and they have gone thither with irmobse amount of capital to develop the from Chattanooga to Atlanta," agreed Har- them you have to cut every step of the splendid resources of the country.

The sensible, patriotic Mexicans have Winter time," added Alf Russell. been highly pleased at Diaz's administration, and readily acquiesced in his highhanded continuances of himself in power. Their only misgiving was as to his advanced years, he is now 74, and what would happen if he should drop off. This stand why those Eastern fellows make such he has recognized, and has made arrange- a fuss about campaigning in such a counments for his successor. He has had him-try as this."
"I should say so," echoed Harry Joslyn. self reelected and the Constitution amended so as to give himself a term of six years instead of four. He has also had another amendment added to the Constitution giving Mexico a Vice-President, to succeed him, and has selected for this office Ramon Corral. It had been expected that he best days of the 200th Ind., when it felt would choose Jose I. Limantour, who is the ablest man in his Cabinet, and who has done of north, passed under the guns of a now as Minister of Finance, a world of work mute and moldering fort of immense power, in developing the country. He is wealthy, and on a mile further through a lighter highly educated, has sound political views, dition of Mexico, modeling it after that of reined their horses up on the edge of the French blood, and therefore unacceptable times defied the might of the Army of the He has shown these qualities as Governor of States and as Minister of Interior. It is Gen. Grant made an attempt to break the road in May, what must it have been believed that at any time that Diaz should through the barrier and take Richmond at one blow, and lost 10,000 men in 20 minwill be continued with unabated firmness.

Gen. Diaz intends to test this by taking big thing if he had succeeded. He would have had Lee's army and Richmond, and get the wagon out of a rut worn by a trips to the United States and Europe, ended the war before the sun set." Ramon Corral.

Sheehan, the blue-eyed Tammany sachen, other bank.

"Bragg's men and Johnston's men were their strength was almost worn out. Sheehan, the blue-eyed Tammany sachem, has had the first call, which indicates Parker's desire to get next to the tiger. But "Billy's" health is bad, and he has declined. Arthur Pue Gorman looks conscious and uneasy whenever Parker's gase turns Southward.

"Bragg's men and Johnston's men were just as good as Lee's" persisted the Major. "When Longstreet came out West he didn't do any better fighting than those other fellows. He wasn't a bit harder to handle." "Yes and no, Longstreet certainly gave us a pretty bad hour that Sunday afternoon on division? One would think them raw re-



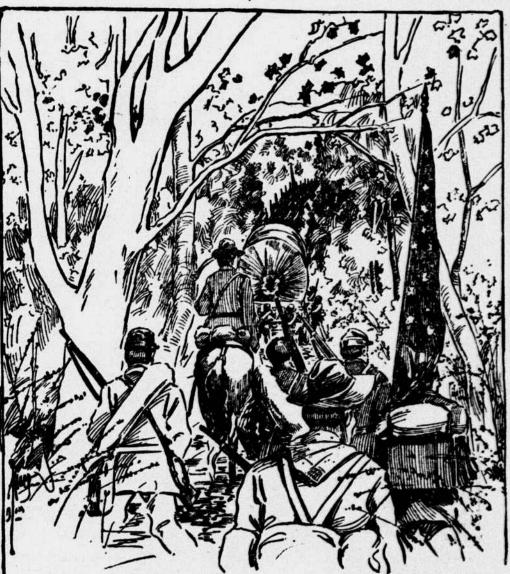
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Chickahominy Swamps That Make Them troops of Bragg's army would have charged The 200th Ind. had exhausted the sights life of the Confederacy. Those fellows out around the rebel capital, and longed to re- there were only fighting for certain parcels sume the march toward "God's Country." of real estate. There's a difference. You remember the old fable: The man says to

ging into law books.'

scrap iron."

for green fields which had never heard the the hound, 'Why don't you run as fast as whistle of hostile bullet. that hare?' The dog answers, "I'm only "Indiana may be commonplace and un- running for my dinner. The hare is runhistoric, but I wouldn't give one good farm | ning for his life.' Bragg's and Johnston's in it for 10 Counties of these old forts men were only fighting for Chattanooga and breastworks, which have cost more hard work than clearing off the whole Wabash Valley," said Monty Scruggs. "All the digging I want to see hereafter is dig-It would have ended things here in the "I'd like to see places where they are East all right. But Johnston's and Dick building up and making things, instead of Taylor's and Kirby Smith's Armies were burning and destroying, and looking over the ruins to find what they can save," said Sandy Baker. "Over there at the great and Mobile, and the March to the Sea and Tredegar Iron Works there ain't much but through the Carolinas and the battles of Franklin and Nashville were just as neces-



GETTING A REGIMENTAL WAGON ACROSS THE SWAMPS OF THE CHICKAHOMINY.

"Discipline is running down at an awful | sary as smashing Lee's army. There the white regiments around here know that country without them. I'm not a very rushed off to Texas and the Rio Grande as | the best.' and ends of regiments. They are all un-

they are doing things up to date." At dress parade, Maj. Bowersox spoke

"Men, to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock we start on what I believe to be our last Of course, it is well known that Mexico 140 miles directly north. We're going there are going over the ground that our com-(The Adjutant prompted him)

"Over the battlegrounds of Hanover Courthouse, Spotsylvania, The Wilderness hancellorsville, Fredericksburg, and Bull Run. As the war is now over, and the country is at peace, you must refrain from habits acquired on the march through Georgia and the Carolinas. You must treat punish severely any depredations, and shall hold every officer strictly responsible for

they were preparing for the morrow. "As the Major says, it'll be a picnic."

'Or the swamps of South Carolina in

"It's the Spring, the best part of the year, too," said Gid Mackall. "It'll be more like the march through Georgia, except that there won't be no Wheeler's Cavalry to stir things up occasionally," commented Sandy Baker. I can't under-

"They never saw Mission Ridge or Kene-

Six o'clock the next morning did not come any too soon for the eager boys. They were waiting for the bugle, and sprang into line at once. The column was formed and moved out with the promptness of the very itself the smartest regiment in the corps. They took the road leading a little east line of works encircling the whole city.
"Well, here's the famous Chickahominy,"

and has changed the vicious financial con- said the Adjutant to the Major, as they the United States. But Limantour is of crest, and looked across the wide, shallow "Here's the barrier that many to the Mexicans, and it is felt that he is Potomac and cost unnumbered lives. Over the mud, on a May day, away up here in not a man of sufficient ferce and initia- there, some miles to the right, is Gaines's Virginia," retorted the Adjutant. "Wouldn't a firm, courageous, enterprising executive. is Shady Grove Church, which was the ex-He has shown these qualities as Governor treme right of Gen. Grant's army, and still such a terrible obstacle."

the war is over, and you can't get them to religious man, Major, but the conviction take any interest in military things. The is growing on me that God Almighty and the resuscitators until the men bega They rode slowly down the gentle slope,

studying the ground and the surroundings. For a mile or more, until it began to ascend the hither slope, the road was a narrow track, just wide enough for a single wagon, through a dense jungle. Every inch of the moist, rich soil had sent up a strong shoot to grapple with those around sell. "I want to get to Washington, where it in a struggle for life, and twine and twist in the wrestle, into an impenetrable thicket. There were alders an inch or two thick, and not six inches apart. Swamp oaks, swamp hickories, sycamores and elms marches in an enemy's country. Washing-underbrush of alders and spicewood, but ton, the Capital of the Nation, lies about they were followed and clambered over by knotted and intertwined clumps of catas fast as your legs will carry you. We briar. Cat-briar was everywhere. It did not leave an inch of ground unoccupied over for four long years, where they fought plants, shrubs and trees. It wound itself more battles and lost many thousand more about them, shot out here and there whermen than we did. We are going directly ever there was a particle of space, and climbed to the topmost branches, to hang out its glistening green leaves and blueblack berries in greater profusion than those of the tree itself. It was wiry, tough, bristling with sharp thorns, and covered

'There," said the Adjutant, pointing of the strongest kind, and there you have than any men could baild. I'd rather try to get a line of men through all the abatis between Chattanooga and Atlanta than through that cat-briar entanglement "Is there no way of flanking this?" inquired the Major, trying to look to the

right and left.
"None whatever. All the roads across -mere tunnels through the jungle-with batteries at the head, raking them for their "Yes, it ain't much like the mountains whole length. The moment you get off of way, and it's hard cutting through a nest of cat-briar. I don't see how the snakes, even, get through.

> said the Major. "I don't see how men ever got through. "They didn't get through," answered the Adjutant. "They couldn't. That was the trouble. It would take a locomotive, built of brass and iron, and of 40-horse power strength, to push through that mass. I tell you, Georgia laurel wasn't anything to it. There had been a great deal of rain, and the road was so soft that their horses sank to their fetlocks at every step.

'It certainly is the worst I ever saw.'

thought they'd quit meddling when the war "I'm afraid the wagon is going to have a hard time following," said the Major. Better ride back, Adjutant, and look after The road was too narrow to give any

room to ride back. The cruel thorns of the cat-briars tore the poor horse's hide the moment he attempted to go to the side. The Adjutant could only stop, and let the men pick their way by him. "Say, boys, how's the wagon?" he in-"Stuck in the mud back there," they re-

plied. "Co. Q is trying to dig it out. Say, Adj., this Virginia mud is the worse we've struck yet. Beats South Carolina mud all hollow. Got a heap more glue in it." "Nice fellows, you, to be complaining of politicians. On the other hand, Ramon Corral is young,—but little over 50,—and Stonewall Jackson. Not so far to the right Carolina?"

ahominy swamp they didn't have any pic-Presently the column passed, and the Ad-

thousand passages of heavy army wagons. replied the Major, surveying the shallow roads of Kentucky. Tennessee, Georgia and Been working hard all mornin'. valley. "It's bad, of course, but we have South Carolina had the Adjutant seen JUDGE PARKER is looking around "Mebbe so, and mebbe not," answered the Adjutant. "You haven't seen it yet. The in a worse plight. Their clothes were blastered from head to foot from their efforts to lift the wheels on the Adjutant. "You haven't seen it yet." his campaign, but somehow his gaze never turns either toward Lincoln, Nebr., nor turns either toward Lincoln, Nebr., nor Jas. K. Jones's Arkansas home. W. F. more aggressive than the cat-briars, and

road, to be fooling around so.
At every derisive yell from the bank

above they got more savagely angry, and plunged around more frantically to release their wagon.

Monty Scruggs swore loudly at the total deprayity of a country which had mud-holes without any fences near to furnish

rails for pries.
Alf Russell, worn out, and seeing no nedical or surgical remedy available, stood at one side, looking on despairingly.

Harry Joslyn, covered with mud and with face bleeding, was lining up the company for another effort, which promised re-

Sandy Baker had gotten the ax out of he wagon, and was cutting his way brough the entangling cat-briar, with Pete pulling the briars out of his way as he cut toward a hickory, which he proposed to fell and use as a pry. The fiendish vines swung around them in every way, tore their hands, faces, ears and necks, but the boys worked on. Like the rest, they were now too mad to care much what happened

"We've got to come to it, boys," said the Adjutant, taking in the situation. out the picket rope, and I'll bring back the regiment to haul on the line.

The regiment, astonished at this require ment away up there in that country, tool hold of the rope with the unanimity of long practice, and with an altogether pull "snaked" the wagon out of the quagmire. from the looks of the road ahead, the Major-decided that they had better hold onto the rope until they had gotten the wagon clear across the bottom, and onto

he high ground. To think of such a road within 10 miles of Richmond," he said to the Adjutant. 'The Army of the Potomac had a harder time than any of us thought.

The regiments behind had tried to take advantage of the 200th Ind.'s trouble to pass on to one side, and gain the lead, but the barrier of cat-briar prevented any such flanking as could have been done through the laurel of the Georgia mountains, and the regiment pushed on so vigorously that it led the column into camp that evening at Hanover Courthouse, 18 miles from

Its spirit was unabated by its labors, and the next morning it was in line bright and early to lead off in crossing the Pa-

"Confound it all, the pontoon's busted," reported Little Pete, who had made a pre-liminary scout out to the river, while they were waiting for the bugle." The river is up, bank full, and running like a mill-race, and the drift wood has broken the pontoons apart, in spite of all they can do

They all lighted their pipes and walked down to the river. The pontoon men were struggling energetically, profanely, with the pooming current.

Some were trying to get boats into place to refill the gap made in the center, some were wading around near the shore, fastening lines, and dropping anchors to hold the line more firmly, some were on the bridge with iron-shod poles, trying to catch the logs and pull them over to where they pass between the boats. Some were out in boats catching the largest pieces, and steering them in shore where they could be fastened. The current was so powerful that these boats would get away from the oarsmen and pole-men in spite of their efforts, and come crashing against the bridge, when there would be a furious interchange of angry expletives and comments from all hands-officers and men. Everybody was wet to the skin and covered with slime, for everybody had been under water more than once and everybody was

On the bank were a couple of groups working to resuscitate two pontoniers, who had been under water too long. sore from their efforts with the wagon the day before, to want to lend a helping hand, watched the operations in the river a while

to show signs of returning life, and then their old foraging instincts revived. "Say boys, they can't possibly get that bridge fixed for a couple of hours," said Monty Scruggs. "I never saw drift run so. Where in the world does it all come from, I wonder? Let's float out into the country, a little ways, and see if we

find some chickens and early potatoes. I've got money. We'll buy them." "Shall we take our guns along?" inquired Pete. "Cert," answered Harry Josvin. "A soldier should always have his gun with him out of camp. I'm not sure that these people are so blamed peaceful and friendly as the Major thinks. Any way, they'll be

peacefuller and friendlier if we have our "Seems to me I have noticed that my-self," said Monty Scruggs, reaching for his gun. "Come on boys."

They went out a couple of miles along a road leading up the river. Everything had been swept away by the foragers of the contending armies. Even the fencerails and outbuildings had been burned, and it cemed useless to go farther. They heard the faint blows of an ax

coming from where thick woods were still standing in a creek valley, ahead and to "There seems to be somebody working down there," said Pete. "Let's go there. Mebbe they can tell us where we can find

Through force of habit they moved quietly and cautiously forward, through a dense growth of sumach bordering the path, and suddenly came in sight of a squad of six or eight men in an open space where stood an old saw-mill. They were busily engaged in rolling the saw-logs and other stuff they could find into the creek, where they would float down against the bridge. Two were chopping at the roots of a sycamore overhanging the creek.

"Git her down, boys," shouted the lead-er encouragingly. "That'll carry a heap truck with it, and so everlastingly bust their ole bridge that they never kin fix The men were so deeply engrossed in their work that they did not notice the boys, who crept up to within 50 yards of

"Here, stop that at once," shouted Monty Scruggs. "Hold up your hands and march over here, every one of you, or we'll blow your heads off." "Same ole Yanks. Same ole talk," said the leader promptly holding up his hands.
Allers around interfering with folks. I

was over. "Get around there in front of us, and start up that path," commanded Monty with leveled gun. "Don't any one try to get away, or off goes his head. "What do you mean, by such actions?" sternly demanded Maj. Bowersox, when the

prisoners were lined up before him, and the circumstances of their capture explained. 'Aren't you paroled prisoners?"
"Suttinly. We-all done tuk the parole," admitted the leader. "Didn't you swear not to commit any acts of war?'

"Suttinly. But acks o' war, mean shootin' at men, jabbing 'em with bayonets, an' sich. Rolling logs inter a creek, and cutting down timber ain't no acks o' war.' "They certainly are, when they are done on sight-right in the act. Sit down ther by that fire, while I think over what I "Jim, thar hain't no more freedom in this

pore ole country sence the Yanks got on top," sighed the leader to one of h's com panions, as they took their seats. "This's the fourth time they've tuk me up for omething or other. He sat in moody contemplatation of his

dead liberties for a minute and then looked Never, in all their struggles with the evil to spare? We'uns is powerful hungry. (To be continued.)

> BOTH sides in Manchuria are undoubtedly feeling sharply the pressure for food. From both come stories of prisoners captored in a famishing condition. The rapid advance of the Japanese can not help having disorganized their train service, while the Russian commissariat system has always been the poorest imaginable.

KANSAS most generally has too much of something. This year it is too much